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REVISIONS TO COMM 47

As this issue of the *PECFA Post* was being finalized for publication, the Wisconsin Department of Commerce (Commerce) staff were completing changes to a "Usual and Customary Cost Schedule," in response to extensive comments that Commerce received during a public hearing which was held in 2004. Long-time followers of the PECFA program are aware that development of this cost schedule has been arduous and contentious – and that it is statutorily required.

In developing the changes, Commerce staff sought to establish reimbursement rates that would control costs but would not unduly deter consultants and commodity providers from performing PECFA cleanups. Development of these changes also included assembling the internal processes that will be needed to efficiently implement and administer the schedule. These processes will utilize the schedule not only as part of claim review, but more importantly, as part of a broader effort to classify all open sites, so those sites can be prioritized for inclusion in the Commerce competitive public bidding process.

Public-hearing comments were also received for other proposed revisions to Comm 47, particularly the revisions addressing public bidding – and staff have developed responses to those comments as well.

For current information on proposed changes to Comm 47 and any corresponding activity with the Comm 47 Advisory Committee, the following Web sites may be helpful:

At the Commerce home page, <http://commerce.wi.gov/>, select the link to [Petroleum & Tanks](#), and from there, select the link to [Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award \(PECFA\)](#). There, under News and Legislative Updates, links are available for the [Announcement of Rule Changes](#) – which has links for the proposed revisions that were presented at the Hearing in 2004 – and for the [COMM 47 Future Code Advisory Committee Meetings and Reports & Agenda](#).

BI-ANNUAL LENDER/OWNER BALANCE REPORTING

Two times a year (January and July), Commerce requests that lenders and owners report **costs incurred** that have not yet been submitted to PECFA for reimbursement. This is typically conducted through a web based reporting system found on the PECFA web site at: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/ER/ER-PECFA-Home.html>

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Direct links for lender and owner use can be accessed at:

Lender: http://apps.commerce.state.wi.us/ER_PecfaLenderReportingApp/login.jsp

Owner: http://apps.commerce.state.wi.us/ER_PecfaOwnerReportingApp/login.jsp

Basic tips for reporting balances are as follows:

- The balance must be for all outstanding costs incurred, including interest.
- The balance is to be for costs incurred to the *through* date requested in the notification e-mail or letter you receive; either *through* June 30th for July reporting, or December 31st for January reporting.
- Do not provide loan amounts, scope of work, or cap amounts as the outstanding balance; only provide actual costs incurred to the through date.
- Both lenders and owners *do not* need to report for the same sites. If a lender reports the balance on behalf of the owner, the owner does not need to report, even if they receive a notification.
- Sites that have been reported previously are listed in order by Commerce number, under the heading, 'Outstanding Balances Registered To.' Enter the outstanding balance in the blank box beside the Commerce number.
- If you need to report a new site, click on the link or scroll to the box that reads, 'Enter New Outstanding Balance.' You will need to enter the Commerce number and outstanding balance in the boxes provided.
- When entering new Commerce numbers, do not use dashes or other symbols.
- When entering dollar amounts do not use a dollar sign or comma; a decimal point is acceptable, if needed.
- If you no longer need to report an outstanding balance for a site because it has been closed or a different lender has assumed the loan, make sure to check the box to the far left that indicates, 'Delete Site From Reporting.'
- Help screens are available with the application.
- For questions or assistance please contact Renee' Dickey at rdickey@commerce.state.wi.us or (608) 264-8765.

PECFA Post circulation and a request for Topics of Concern

We are continuing to move toward total electronic distribution of the *PECFA Post*. To subscribe electronically go to [#PecfaPost](http://commerce.state.wi.us/ER/ER-PECFA-News.html) and scroll down to the subscribe box. You will receive an email to confirm your email address. Upon confirmation you will have been added to the electronic distribution list. If you do not have e-mail, you may call, (920) 303-5410, or write Beth Erdman at ERS Division, Bureau of PECFA, 2129 Jackson Street, Oshkosh WI 54901 and request to be placed on a mailing list.

We are always happy to receive suggestions for future *Post* topics or comments on current articles. Please use contact Beth Erdman at berdman@commerce.state.wi.us or mail suggestions or topics to the address listed above.

PECFA ANNUAL REPORTING ANNOUNCEMENT REMINDER

Annual site reporting requirements for all PECFA sites must be completed during the period that started May 1, 2005 and will last until 30 days following the effective date of the proposed Comm 47 Wisconsin Administrative Code changes. An announcement will be made when the rule changes go into effect and the reporting period end date is known.

The reporting will need to be completed by responsible parties/consultants using the link labeled "Annual Site Reporting Page" that can be accessed via the PECFA home page at: <http://commerce.wi.gov/ER/ER-PECFA-Home.html>. PECFA encourages all responsible parties/consultants to complete reporting responsibilities as soon as practicable.

On August 1, 2005 Commerce will mail letters to responsible parties (RP's) for sites that have not completed the required reporting. The letters will remind the RP's of the reporting responsibilities and request compliance. To minimize the number of RP's that will receive the notifications, Commerce recommends that the reporting requirements be completed for as many RP's as possible prior to August 1, 2005.

Questions and suggestions regarding this year's reporting should be emailed to siteclassification@commerce.state.wi.us. Questions will be answered as soon as possible.

MTBE & TBA: CHARACTERIZATION & REMEDIATION SEMINAR

Commerce sponsored a one day training course, "ITRC MTBE & TBA Characterization & Remediation Seminar," on Friday, April 22, 2005. Attendees included select staff from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Remediation & Redevelopment, the Commerce Environmental & Regulatory Services Division (ERS) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5. The instructors were from the Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council's (ITRC) methyl tert-butyl ethylene (MTBE) & other fuel oxygenates (TBA) Technical Team and included Bruce Bauman, Ph.D. - American Petroleum Institute, Patricia Ellis, Ph.D. - Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, and Joe Haas II - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and ITRC MTBE Training Coordinator.

This comprehensive one day training course focused on MTBE and TBA site assessment and groundwater remediation. Participants were introduced to a variety of MTBE and TBA contaminated groundwater topics including, but not limited to: chemical, physical, and biological characteristics; sampling and analysis procedures; available remediation technologies; technology selection and sequencing; and processes for successful site assessment and remediation.

For more information about the ITRC and the "MTBE and Other Fuel Oxygenates Team" please visit www.itrcweb.org.

FAREWELL TO RUSS HAUPT

Russell (Russ) Haupt is retiring from the Commerce Bureau of PECFA (PECFA) Claim Review Section on June 30, 2005. Russ has been with PECFA since March 20, 1989 and was the only employee in the bureau until a Section Chief was hired.

In the early years, Russ sent claim packets to responsible parties and often took claims home for review as PECFA started to flourish and the number of claims increased. Russ has worked through the constant changes to PECFA over the years.

Russ has gotten along well with everyone and has made many friends during his time in state service. Russ is leaving PECFA to enjoy working outside on his farm (not being stuck inside all day) and spending time with his wife and grandchildren. Russ's sense of humor and jovial personality (along with his Billy Bass, train whistle and clucking chicken) will be sorely missed by all of PECFA. We wish him the very best in retirement!

DAVID SWIMM NAMED PECFA SITE REVIEW ADVANCED HYDROGEOLOGIST

Commerce is pleased to announce that David Swimm has accepted the position of PECFA Site Review Advanced Hydrogeologist. David has been an important part of the PECFA program for more than six years.

Following careers as a seismic geophysicist in the petroleum industry and a hydrogeologist in private environmental consulting, David joined the PECFA program in 1999 and has held positions as Hydrogeologist and Senior Hydrogeologist. Since joining the Bureau of PECFA, David has been involved with establishing site investigation guidance, the usual and customary cost effort, and numerous public bid specifications. David has a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master's degree in geology from West Virginia University, and is a Registered Professional Geologist in Wisconsin.

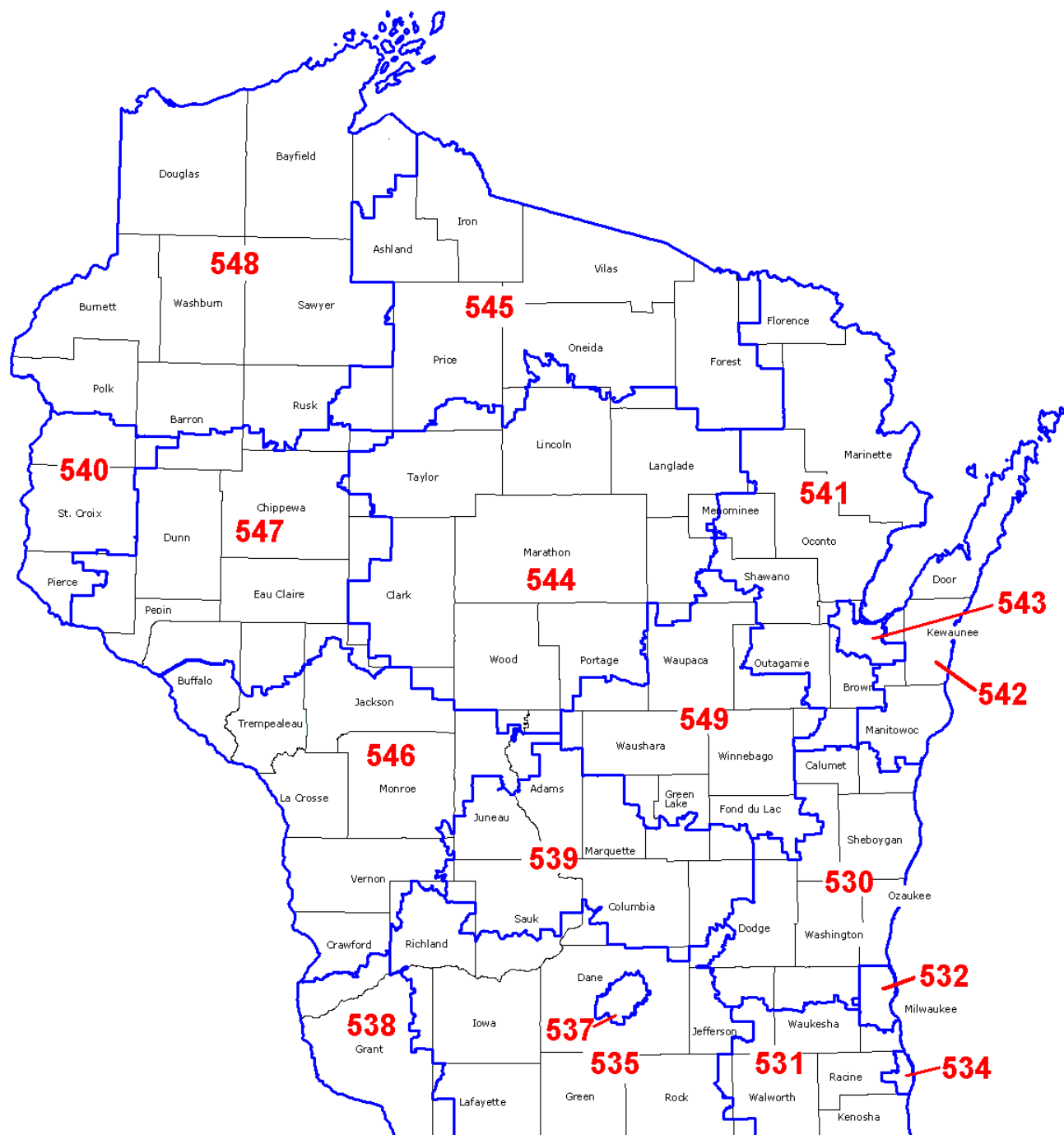
Please join us in welcoming David to his new position as the Site Review Section Advanced Hydrogeologist in the Madison office. David can be reached at dswimm@commerce.state.wi.us or by phone at (608) 264-8766.

SAMPLING CRITERIA REMINDER RETRACTION

In Volume 5, Issue 1 of the PECFA Post, Commerce stressed the importance of sampling for the correct analytical criteria. However, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Land and Petroleum Analytical and Quality Assurance Guidance referenced in that article for selecting the correct analytical criteria when sampling is no longer in use.

To determine the correct analytical criteria when sampling, please refer to the WDNR Guidance on Natural Attenuation for Petroleum Releases, Appendix C. Following is the link to the guidance: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR614.pdf>.

PECFA SITE REVIEW ZONE COVERAGE MAP



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